Judy's

Teen-Topics

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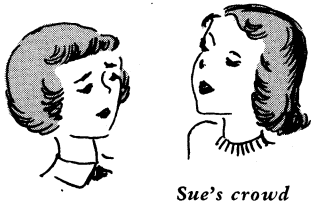
Where Can We Go?

The other day I got a letter signed "The Rarin'-to-Go Crowd." "Dear Judy," it said, "We can't go to dances or movies every night. Where can we go when we have dates?" Well, I bustled around and interviewed some teen-agers and here are a few bright ideas they came up with.

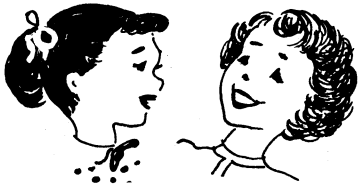


Sue's crowd uses baskets.

SUE'S crowd has this "style": "We go in for basket suppers at each other's houses. Generally one of us is Monitor of the Menu and says, '*You* bring hamburgers — *you* bring buns — *you* bring cokes, etc.' So we do — in baskets. No dishes, no planning or trouble for the hostess so everybody is glad to see us, and everybody has a good time. Besides the food, we take anything else we need, like records or games. Parties on the spur of the moment — and always SOME PLACE to go!"

Jane and Monty describe a club.

JANE and MONTY have an up-and-coming crowd: "We, the kids in our town, have a Teen Age Club. Mr. Jones lets us use a former junk room back of his store, and now we always have a place to go to when we feel like a get-together. You ought to see how we fixed the room up! We cleaned it out, then pitched in with paint and paper; and all kinds of people donated games and records. We even have an old juke box and a ping-pong table. And, brother, what plans! The United Nations have nothing on us!"



Jill and Lorna's crowd travel — but!

JILL and LORNA really go to town. In fact, *their* crowd goes all over the world! They have Travel Parties — and do they travel! It takes a lot of git-up-and-go to do what they do, but who said your crowd isn't as peppy as theirs? They have their travel parties once a month, actually in the school gym, but every time the old bar-basket-and-beams room is tricked out like Chinatown, a Mexican fiesta or a Mississippi showboat or what have you. Good idea, huh? Work? Sho nuff. But heaps of fun, *betcha!*

Things to do • Things to Make • fads • good looks • FUN!

She's Oh-riginal

So many oh-oh-OH ideas from you! If only there were room for them all!

Sallie F., N.H. suggests a necklace for girls "with a 5-letter name or nickname." . . . "Take 11 Hoodsie spoons and, with your favorite nail polish, paint 2 stripes on the top of each. Next paint on 5 of the spoons the letters of your name. Drill a hole on the top of each. String the spoons on red yarn with a knot between each spoon. Put three spoons on each end and your name in the middle. Cute."

Joan G., N.Y. "If you are always forgetting to mail letters (and stuff) get a box, write "mail box" on the top, put it where you can empty it every day." (Might add stamps, too, for looks.)

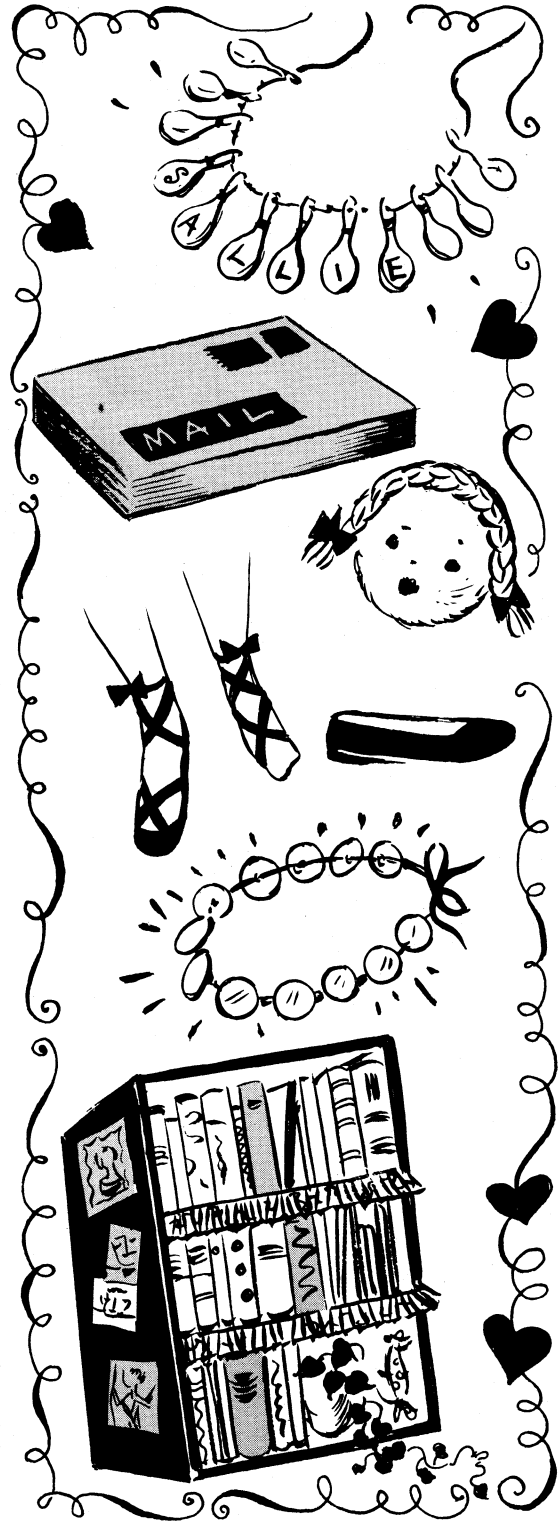
Joann K., Calif. shows how you can doll up some black shoes by wrapping ribbon around your feet and ankles as sketched. (Cute for dates at home, especially!)

Helene L., N.Y. describes a lapel pin made from a powder puff. The hair is braided wool; the features are embroidered on.

Joan W., N.Y. writes "Here's a trick bracelet that's cute as well as easy to make. Take any color ribbon about ¼-in. wide, any color or size buttons with long loops instead of holes. Proceed as follows: Knot one ribbon end, string a button, knot, string, etc. When the bracelet fits hold it and knot." (I, Judy, add if you're in the old-enough-for-nail polish group, it's cute to get white buttons and paint them with the same color polish you wear. Very pretty, too, in the palest of pinks! Also: thin ribbon could be tied *to,* instead of *between,* loops.)

*Phyllis W., N.Y. oh*riginates: "I found that I had a drab book case. To brighten it up I bought bright edging. I then tacked it to each shelf. On both sides of the book case, I pasted my pictures of actors and actresses."

Note from Judy: these contributions were selected willy-nilly. How else can I select, when there are so many swoonderful *ones? If you think from these contribs that most of our readers live in N.Y. see P. 6.*



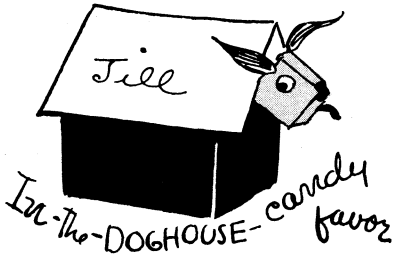
"I make myself a hit at all the parties," one of you gals wrote me the other day. How? "By using your ideas, Judy, for table decorations."

Valentine Nut Cup

That letter certainly gave me an idea. And here on this page, is the result. (What's more important, does it give you and your crowd an idea, too?) So many parties coming up! Valentine's, patriotic (for Lincoln and Washington birthdays), St. Patrick's! So many pretty favors needed!

St. Pat Napkin Holder

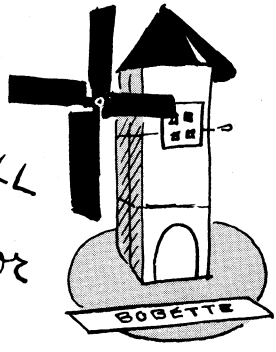
All the favors shown here are really-truly easy to make. Look at that dog house, for example. Two chunks of candy — not much more — wrapped in crepe paper, and topped with a white paper roof. Easy enough to paste on ears, eyes, tongue! And that little heart-shaped number at the bottom of the page. What's it but a red heart (cardboard cutout) with a candy roll (wrapped, of course!) lying under Cupid's arrow cut from heavy white paper. Top of the heart — a pale blue satin bow of many loops. The arrow serves as a place card, and — of course, the wrapped candy is pasted to the heart.



In-the-DOGHOUSE-candy favor

For Love or Money

If you don't want to make these favors for love — love of being a "hit," love of a good party —, you may want to make them for money. Lots of our gals do — sell them to friends (special orders), to gift shops, at bazaars, etc.



WINDMILL Candy favor

If you want exact step-by-step directions for all the pretties sketched, just write me for Leaflet No. J92A. It's five cents. Hope it makes you heaps more than that!

Red, white and Blue Candy crackers

Candy Arrow

OUR CRAFT CLUB CORNER

Clubs are bustin' out all over. Teen Topics Craft Clubs of course. "And what do we do about a club pin?" the members write. Well, here's what. *Two* ideas. First, make your own club pins. (A Craft Club would!) Second, be cutie-pie about it. Wear *two* scatter pins, one with TT in one color, one with CC in the other color. (Latest style, scatter pins) See the photo below? Here are the directions:

MATERIALS NEEDED: Small gold-rimmed or silver-rimmed buttons with holes. Paste. Glue. Wee safety pins. Strong thread. Scraps of thin cardboard. Big darning needle. Dennison crepe paper, 2 colors. (Club colors? Natch)

HOW-TO-DO: Sew safety pin to back of button through holes. (Heavy thread, strong sewing. Embroidery floss best) Trace button's outline on cardboard but cut smaller to fit *inside* rim of button.

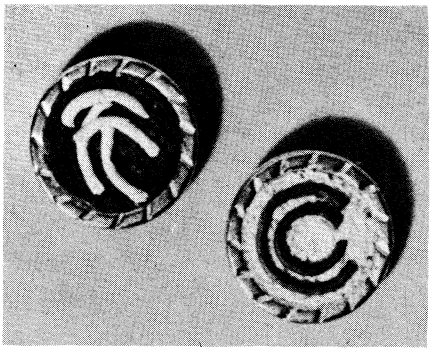
Now for the fun. You're going to cover the cardboard in a special way called Tapestry Craft. Cut a piece of crepe paper about two inches square. Stretch it and brush one side with paste. Lay the pasted side lightly on the cardboard. Hold the paper down with the forefinger of your left hand, and with your right peck and push the paste-moistened paper (using a darning needle) into little crinkles like tapestry. When your button is covered with fine-textured crinkles, trim off surplus crepe around edge as you would a pie. Glue this inside the metal-rimmed button.

NOW FOR THE INITIALS: TT CC. Make them of braided crepe paper and glue in place. To do this cut crepe paper in three ¼-inch strips across the grain, stretch, braid very tightly, shape into initials, and glue down. You may need tweezers, for it's itsy-bitsy work. But YOU can do it.

AND MORE HELP. Ready for you now — some other cute ideas for Craft Club pins. AND . . . FREE directions for making them. Yours for the asking! Write me, Judy, for LEAFLET J92-B.

Now we make our Club Pin!

STYLE QUIZ: *See two new styles, in sketch above, that teen-agers are mad about? That's it! Scatter pins and sleeve garters . . . Sure! You can make the garters. Stitch 2 pieces of ribbon (1½ times longer than elastic) together along edges. Run elastic (armsize) through. Sew ends of elastic together. That's all!*



Sometimes it seems as if there just ain't no justice. Here we are smack at the age when we want to look dainty and pretty — and what happens? Our faces break out in pimples, big pores, blackheads, shine, and blemishes. 'T ain't right!

But since complexion trouble seems to be one of the facts of teen-age life, let's up and at it!

There's this *good* news to begin with: Lots of teen-agers don't *have* to have bad complexions — wouldn't have, that is, if we did right by ourselves. (Diet, sleep, cleanliness — all that sort of thing.) Of course it's a bore — but it's the routine if we want to rate that "smooth as a rose petal" line.

Sometimes those pesky oil glands that give us so much trouble are stubborn so that Mom or the doctor have to lend a hand. But usually all you'll need is to put yourself on the hygiene routine for a while. Stick to it — and then *relax*. (And don't think that isn't important too.)

The routine has three parts — FACE, FOOD, and FUN. And here it is:

FACE

First of all, you've got to keep that face of yours CLEAN. And I mean CLEAN. Skip the cold creams and oils. WASH your face — but good — at least three times a day — with warm water and pure white soap suds. Use a clean wash cloth every time. After washing, rinse thoroughly — as thoroughly as if you were trying to make a mess of gritty spinach fit to eat. Rinse and rinse and rinse — until there isn't a trace of soap left. Then slap on cold water as a bracer. Dry with a spic-and-span clean towel.

Finally and above all, HANDS OFF! Keep your nails, fingers, and hands glamor-girl-clean — and even then don't touch your face with them. Germs, my pets, are always with us. Let's not spread them over our own faces.

FOOD

Nobody knows better than I how hard it is to keep saying "No!" to chocolates, sundaes, sodas, cakes, pies, fried foods, rich meats, gravies, mayonnaise, whipped cream, and all the other goo-goo gooey foods we goo for! But it's a MUST. (Silver lining: After all, there are a lot of yummy things you *can* eat.)

FUN

Lots of kids want to go into the garden and eat worms while they're going through the pimply stage. Forget it! You aren't the only one whose face, at the moment, isn't her fortune. Have all the fun there is. Get out into the fresh air. Play games. Walk, skate, ski. Whoop it up! The less you think about your troubles, the sooner they'll be over. Get as much rest and sleep as you need, to wake up feeling fresh and peppy.

Face! Food! Fun! There's the three-step routine. Smart girl if you follow it — pimples or not. Prevention is easier than cure. Heard that before?

SHARE the HAIR styles

Here's a tip on how to keep up with the latest in hair-dos. Find them in the ads in the slick junior miss fashion magazines. The teen-age models have their hair styled by stylists who MUST know what the smoothest girls in boarding schools, high schools, colleges are going for. Note the sketches below cribbed from some fashion mags! They're tops in popularity!

Ear Bob

Halo

Spit Curl

Page Boy

My dear Valen-Teens:

How grateful I am for the lovely Valentines you've sent me all through the year. I am referring to those sparkling, happy (and, oh my yes! admiring) letters. They're better than any hearts-and-flowers design! For them, I wave kisses your way!

Those kisses, some of them, must travel far. We now have Teen-Topics girls in many lands across the sea - in Holland, England, Scotland, and China to name just a few. Aren't you surprised?

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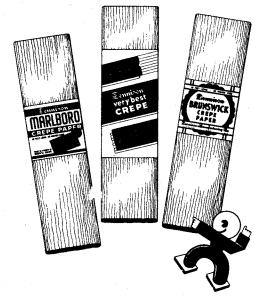
ONLY 25¢ AT A TIME! Of course I'd like more, but 25¢ worth of Judy is all you can buy at a time. That's one year's subscription.
Also, please don't send your 25¢ for renewal until you receive my notice that your sub's up.

Happy Days!

Judy

Ask for Dennison Crepe at your pet chain, department or stationery store.



Speaking of subscriptions reminds me! Some girls have sent me 25¢ for a year's subscription as a birthday gift to a pal. That's a swell idea and I send a letter with the first number telling who it's from.

★ *If you were to make a Valentine for Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. you could decorate it with six service and campaign ribbons, seven battle stars and five medals for gallantry in action. A patriot, as well as a swoon-derful actor! RKO, thanks for the picture.*

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